

In the footsteps of Anne Lister
Hosted Group Tour
With EXCLUSIVE talk by Helena Whitbread
De-coder of the Anne Lister Diaries

Choice of dates
8 - 10 May 2020
16 - 18 October 2020

Step back in time as we embark on an incredible journey, exploring Anne's home of Halifax & the beautiful city of York where Anne Lister mixed with some of the wealthiest and most influential men and women of the time. A city of lovers and friendships.

All exquisitely documented in her once-secret diaries
Visits to Shibden Hall, Holy Trinity Church, The Piece Hall & Halifax Minster, all included in your tour. Plus we have an exclusive talk by Helena Whitbread, de-coder of the Anne Lister diaries



Tour Only
(Saturday)
£129pp



2 Night Stay
(Fri & Sat)
£349pp
Twin/Double Room
£449
Single Room



Itinerary

Friday

2 night stay in York

Make your own way to York* Our hosts will meet you at the Hotel Bar in the evening.



Saturday

8.30am - We will be picked up from our hotel & transferred by private coach to Halifax, going over the scenic Yorkshire countryside as Anne would have done. In Halifax we will have a private "In the footsteps of Anne Lister" guided walking tour. Our morning starts with a tour of the stunning Piece Hall. Although Anne Lister felt it was below her to visit and mix with the "trade" people here, it is definitely worthy of including it in our tour.

We then continue our tour taking in Halifax Minster & many other sights that Anne would have frequented during her visits to the town. After, we will be transferred by private coach to Bankfield Museum - here there will be 1 or 2 costumes from the Gentleman Jack series designed by Tom Pye. There will also be other costumes on display from TV period dramas. Plus it's here we have our EXCLUSIVE talk by Helena Whitbread, decoder of the Anne Lister diaries (kindly note Helena's talks are always subject to her availability)

After the talk our coach will transfer the group to Shibden Hall, home of Anne Lister. A member of the Shibden staff will give our group a brief talk then you will have time at your leisure to explore the grounds and house further.

4pm - Our coach will transfer us back to our hotel in York. ***We will make refreshment & comfort stops during the day***

Evening at your leisure or join us for our hosted group evening meal in a local restaurant*



Sunday 10am - 1pm

After breakfast we meet our guide for our "In the footsteps of Anne Lister" private 3 hour walking tour taking in Anne's school and Assembly rooms plus an exterior visit to Fairfax House and Treasurers House (where filming took place) plus more! We finish our tour with exclusive entry to Holy Trinity Church where Anne Lister & Ann Walker took their vows. (Kindly note entry is subject to availability) There will be a comfort and refreshment break during our tour.
1pm - We conclude our weekend in York and say our final farewells

EXCLUSIVE TALK BY HELENA WHITBREAD HISTORIAN & DECODER OF THE ANNE LISTER DIARIES

We are delighted to announce Helena Whitbread will be giving an exclusive talk to our group on both Saturday's at the Bankfield Museum during our Gentleman Jack Hosted

Kindly note Helena's talk is subject to availability.

You will be mesmerised by Helena's story of how she discovered the diaries, hidden away for hundreds of years and painstakingly decoded each and every word of Anne's crypthand. Because of her work we have all been enthralled by the incredible story of Anne's life, beautifully brought to life in the BBC TV series Gentleman Jack. The lesbian world owes a great deal to Helena Whitbread for her ongoing committed study of the life & diaries of Anne Lister.

Tour Only

£145pp

Included in your Tour Only price:

- Private guided walking tour of Halifax (including entry to Halifax Minster) on Saturday
- Private guided tour and entry to Shibden Hall & Bankfield Museum (Saturday)
- Return private coach from York to Halifax/Shibden Hall (Saturday)

You will be picked up from our York hotel at 8.30am on Saturday

2 Night Stay

£349pp Twin/Double Room or Twin Room Share

£449 Single Room

Included in your 2 night stay price:

- 2 Night's B&B accommodation in the 4* Hampton by Hilton Hotel (or similar) (Friday & Saturday)
- Private guided walking tour of Halifax (including entry to Halifax Minster)
- Private guided tour and entry to Shibden Hall & Bankfield Museum
- Return private coach from York to Halifax/Shibden Hall
- Private guided 3-hour walking tour of York on Sunday morning
- Exclusive entry to Holy Trinity Church, York (subject to availability)

Not Included:

- Return travel to & from York
- Lunches, evening meals
- Refreshments during the day

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TO MAKING A BOOKING
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Due to large numbers visiting the area, we reserve the right to make small time / entry changes to the itinerary

We use Blue Badge

**Guides for our
GJ Tour**



IMPORTANT - ACCESSIBILITY AT SHIBDEN HALL. Due to the historic nature of the architecture of Shibden Hall, there is restricted access for wheelchair users to the ground floor only. The Folk Museum is not wheelchair accessible. There is also a steep walk to Shibden Hall from the carpark. For full information visit their website <https://museums.calderdale.gov.uk/visit/shibden-hall#accessibility> Please let Diva Destinations know your requirements when booking & we will contact Shibden Hall prior to our visit